

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 7 and 14 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-9, 14-17, 36-39 and 63-66 are pending in the present application.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowance of claims 36-39 and 63-66.

In the June 3, 2005 Office Action, claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,224,683 to Ide et al.; claims 1-3, 7-9 and 14-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,580,484 to Schneider in view of Ide et al.; and claims 5-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ide et al.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended to Applicants' attorney during the telephone interview conducted on July 27, 2005. During the telephone interview, the feature of the tab being completely removed from the plate, and how this patentably distinguished over the cited references was discussed. It was agreed that adding such a limitation to rejected independent claims 1, 4, 7 and 14 would patentably distinguish these claims over the cited references. The Examiner reserved the right to conduct a further search for additional references which may teach or suggest the newly added claim limitations.

In view of the amendments to claims 1, 4, 7 and 14 made herein, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-9 and 14-17 patentably distinguish over the art of record. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections to claims 1-9 and 14-17 is respectfully solicited.

Further, Applicants had submitted an Information Disclosure Statement on April 29, 2002. To date, however, Applicants have not yet received an initialed copy of the April 29, 2002 PTO/SB/08 Form indicating that the references listed thereon have been

considered and made of record in the present application. Accordingly, Applicants hereby respectfully request that the Examiner consider the references cited in the April 29, 2002 Information Disclosure Statement and return an initialed copy of the PTO/SB/08 Form with the next communication in this application. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the April 29, 2002 PTO/SB/08 Form is enclosed.

In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration of the amendments to claims 1, 4, 7 and 14, and allowance of the present application with claims 1-9, 14-17, 36-39 and 63-66 is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

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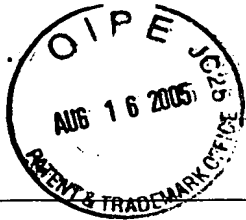
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